

PLANT NAME: PADDLE SUCCULENT

- **Light Requirements:**

- Paddle succulents thrive in bright, indirect sunlight. Place them near a sunny window or in a well-lit area.
- Avoid exposing them to intense, direct sunlight for extended periods, as it can cause sunburn.

- **Watering:**

- Paddle succulents have low water requirements. Water the plant thoroughly when the top inch of the soil feels dry. Ensure good drainage to prevent overwatering, as excessive moisture can lead to root rot. During winter, reduce watering frequency.

- **Soil:**

- Plant your paddle succulent in well-draining soil specifically formulated for succulents or cacti. A mixture of potting soil, perlite, and coarse sand works well. Good drainage is crucial to prevent waterlogged roots.

- **Temperature:**

- Paddle succulents prefer average to warm temperatures between 65°F and 85°F (18°C and 29°C). They can tolerate brief periods of temperature drops but should be protected from frost and extreme cold.

- **Humidity:**

- These succulents prefer low humidity environments. Average room humidity levels are suitable for their growth. Avoid excessively humid conditions, as they can cause fungal issues.

- **Fertilization:**

- Apply a balanced, water-soluble succulent fertilizer diluted to half strength during the growing season (spring and summer). Follow the package instructions for dosage and frequency. Avoid fertilizing during winter.

- **Pruning:**

- Paddle succulents generally do not require extensive pruning. However, you can remove any dead or damaged leaves by gently pulling them off the plant. This helps maintain a neat appearance.

- **Propagation:**

- Paddle succulents can be propagated through stem or leaf cuttings. Allow cuttings to callus for a few days before placing them in well-draining soil. Keep the soil slightly moist until new growth emerges.

- **Pests and Diseases:**

- Paddle succulents are generally resistant to pests and diseases. However, overwatering can lead to root rot or fungal issues. Watch out for mealybugs or aphids, which can be treated with insecticidal soap or a mixture of water and dish soap.

- **Additional Tips:**

- Rotate the plant occasionally to ensure even growth and prevent leaning towards the light.
- Paddle succulents are ideal for indoor gardening but can be grown outdoors in containers or rock gardens in frost-free regions.
- Keep an eye on the leaves; if they start to wrinkle or appear deflated, it may be a sign that the plant needs water.
- Avoid misting the leaves, as this can encourage fungal growth.

